

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed October 14, 2008 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Padawer et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0052196) (hereinafter "Padawer") in view of Grossman et al. (Grossman hereinafter) (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0119760). Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicants present the following for consideration.

Claim Rejections

With respect to claim 1, the Office Action recites that Padawer teaches "searching the concatenated list for any information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input" as the filter 313 then filters the first concatenator output 402 using the request data entered in the input field 201 as the filtering parameter. In one embodiment, the filter 313 checks for a match against any parameter that the user may intend for the filter to match against. For example, when entering dialing input into input field 201, the user may intend to enter a telephone number with the area code first, enter a telephone number without the area code, enter the first name of a desired callee, enter the last name of a desired callee, or the like. The filter 313 filters against all these parameters (Padawer Paragraph 0077). "unifying the relevant contacts and providing the unified contacts" as the response data may originate from a variety of different databases having different data formats. Once the various response entries are received back from the filter, the entries are passed to a data interface that then formats the entries to appear homogeneous despite being from different databases. The homogeneous data structures are then used to render the display thus resulting in a unified appearance to the user (Padawer Paragraph 0019-0020). "... Padawer teaches the elements of claim 1 as noted above but does not explicitly disclose "wherein the contact lists are automatically selected based on what application received the search input," "wherein the information within each contact that is searched includes an email address" and "contacting a user from the provided unified contacts using any of the available contact methods available to

that user; wherein the available contact methods include telephone, email, short messaging service (SMS) and instant messaging (IM)." However, Grossman teaches "wherein the contact lists are automatically selected based on what application received the search input" as (Grossman Paragraph 0049). "wherein the information within each contact that is searched includes an email address" as (Grossman Figure 4). "contacting a user from the provided unified contacts using any of the available contact methods available to that user; wherein the available contact methods include telephone, email, short messaging service (SMS) and instant messaging (IM)" as (Grossman Paragraphs 0050 and 0063)." In response, independent claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended.

As amended, Claim 1 recites in part "concatenating each of the contacts from each of the accessed contact lists to create a single concatenated list of contacts; wherein at least some of the contacts within the single concatenated list of contacts include information consisting of only a name and an email address; searching the concatenated list for any information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein the information within each contact that is searched includes all information contained within the contact; wherein the information can include a first name, a last name, a title, a company, a fax number, a mobile number, an email address, an IM user address, and a note included within the contact; unifying the relevant contacts; providing the unified contacts in a specific ordering within a display; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically)." Among other differences, the cited references do not teach searching or displaying the contacts as recited in Claim 1.

In contrast, the results returned in Padawer result in a list of telephone numbers and names. The results, however, do not include contacts that include only a name and an email address. Claim 1, on the other hand, returns contacts that include only an email address and a name. Additionally, Claim 1 teaches searching all of the information within a contact including items such as notes within a contact, names and different addresses within a contact. Still

further, the results returned to a user are displayed in a specific order such that a user may more easily access the contacts. Grossman and Padawer do not teach this recitation. Since the cited references fail to teach searching and displaying the contacts as recited, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable. Claims depending on Claim 1 are proposed to be allowable as they depend on a valid base claim.

As amended, Claim 10 recites in part “searching all of the information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input; unifying the relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the contacts within the unified list include information consisting of only a name and an email address; displaying the unified contacts in a specific ordering within a display; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically).” For at least the above reasons, Claim 10 is proposed to be allowable. Claims depending from Claim 10 are proposed to be allowable as they depend on a valid base claim.

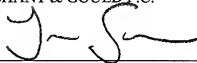
As amended, Claim 18 recites in part “creating a concatenated list of contacts by concatenating the contacts that are stored within the plurality of contact lists; wherein at least some of the contacts within the concatenated list include information consisting of only a name and an email address; searching the concatenated list of contacts for information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein all of the information within each of the accessed contacts is searched; unifying the relevant contacts; displaying the unified contacts on the display in a specific ordering; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically).” Claim 18 is proposed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above. Claims depending from Claim 18 are proposed to be allowable as they depend on a valid base claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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